Six Laning of Road from Hyderabad to Nagpur

2991. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government are going to convert the four lane road from Hyderabad to Nagpur into six lane road;

(b) whether it is a fact the ambitious Golden "Triangle Project" is cost over running; and

(c) if so, the measures Government have taken to minimise the cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) There is no proposal to convert the existing National Highway between Hyderabad and Nagpur to 6-lanes. There is a proposal for four-laning of the highway by the year 2007.

(b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the Golden Quadrilateral comprising the Highways conncecting the four metropolitan cities *viz.* Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai and Delhi which is a part of the National Highways Development Project. So far there has been no cost overrun on this project.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction and Maintenance of Footpath Along NH

†2992. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction and maintenance of footpath on both sides of the National Highways is undertaken together and by the same agency;

(b) if so, the amount spent on maintenance of the footpath on

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

both sides of the national Highways in Bihar during last three years; and

(c) if not, agency responsible for construction and maintenance of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) No separate allocation is made for maintenance of footpath. Allocations are made to State Government for maintenance of all the national Highways in the State. The amount spent on maintenance of National Highways in Bihar during last three years are as under:—

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crores)
1997-1998	34.3166
1998-1999	33.5119
1999-2000	90.7074

(c) Does not arise.

Reconstruction of Bridge on Amritsar-Kullu, NH

2993. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Amritsar-Pathankot - Kullu National Highways is the only National Highway for supply to the Army in Leh-Ladakh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the bridge constructed on Chakki, Khadda on this route is very old and is in a very bad condition which may fall at any time hindering the supply to the Army;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted and estimate has been finalised for its reconstruction;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any plan to reconstruct this bridge;

(f) if so, the plan of action; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?